

ADEQ Meeting Minutes

Arizona Department
of Environmental Quality

West Van Buren Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site

Community Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 29, 2006
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Room 145
1110 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

FINAL MINUTES

Ref: PIOU 07-067

CAB members present: Peggy Eastburn, Charlotte Reyes, Philip Largas

Members absent: Len Harris

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Jennifer Edwards, Project Manager; and Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the public present: Chuck Gordon, Terranex; Jeff Littell, Brown and Caldwell, John Saccoman, Jesus Rivas and Denise Forbes for RC&A.

The following matters were discussed, considered, or decided upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Mrs. Peggy Eastburn called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Acceptance and/or Changes to Minutes of August 30, 2005; December 13, 2005; April 11, 2006

Mrs. Charlotte Reyes moved to accept the minutes of August 30, 2005 as written. It was seconded by Mr. Philip Largas and passed.

Mrs. Eastburn had a correction to the minutes of December 13, 2005. She was not present, nor was Mr. Largas. Mr. Largas moved to accept the minutes as corrected, and it was seconded by Mrs. Reyes and passed.

Mrs. Reyes moved to accept the minutes of April 11, 2006, and it was seconded by Mr. Largas and passed.

3. First Quarter Sampling Results and Possible Plume Expansion Discussion

Ms. Edwards presented a map of the West Van Buren site updated January 2005. She also presented the WQARF flow chart and reminded the CAB that West Van Buren is in the remedial investigation phase. Ms. Edwards explained that seven monitoring wells were installed and drafts were received for the well installation report and the 1st quarter 2006 sampling report. Final results were also received from the four domestic wells, and all wells showed no volatile organic compounds (VOC) detections. Ms. Edwards stated that the Responsible Party (RP) search continues, and the cross section report was finalized. Mr. Largas asked where the domestic wells were located. Ms. Edwards stated they are more in the western portion of the site.

Ms. Edwards summarized the well sampling results during the April semi-annual event. A list of high concentrations for sampled wells was displayed. The draft 1st quarter report was presented to CAB members in response to a question on the location of one of the wells. Mr. Largas inquired about the figures that show the distribution of PCE.

Ms. Edwards also offered the information on the four new wells installed. A map was displayed that showed the new well locations. Mr. Largas questioned the location of the Sherman well because it is past the Dolphin facility. He asked why it was drilled, and Mr. Gordon informed him that Mr. Synder and Mr. Pudney decided to drill in that location.

Ms. Edwards continued the presentation with a discussion on the freeway connection at 55th Ave and other issues. She explained that the State of Arizona (ADOT) would not be liable if the State acquired the property. Ms. Eastburn commented that Federal and State officials at other meetings stated that it is the State's responsibility to clean up the contamination. Ms. Edwards stated that it was her understanding that if the property is bought as a labeled WQARF site, the buyer cannot be a responsible party. Mr. Largas further explained the exemption and liability process of federal and state law. The groundwater at the connection site will not be affected, so there should not be any issues. The groundwater depth is between 97 to 122 feet below ground. ADOT engineers have stated the plume is too deep for concern. ADEQ's role will be to disclose the WQARF site as part of the environmental impact statement.

Mrs. Edwards finished the report by summarizing future work at the site. Future work will include the mapping of sample results from the April event, continued RI drafting, continued RP search, continued plume definition, transducer re-evaluation, well abandonment and Roosevelt Irrigation District (RID) sampling.

Mr. Largas asked about the sampling results from the RID sampling event in April. Ms. Edwards referred him to the draft report available at the meeting. Mr. Largas requested to have copies of a map with concentrations for a future meeting to show how the concentration may be differing over time and from the last meeting. Ms. Edwards commented that work is being done to the south and northwest area of the plume. Ms. Edwards requested Mr. Largas call her with further concerns and questions. Mr. Largas also inquired about the PRP search, and Ms. Edwards stated information would be available after the RI report is done. Ms. Reyes also agreed that presenting maps

showing comparisons of increases and decreases of the concentrations at the wells would be beneficial.

A question was asked if the plume expansion has to do with defining the northwest and southern extents. Ms. Edwards stated it was.

4. 2006 WQARF Annual Registry Report

Mrs. Flood handed out the annual WQARF report to all present and explained the contents. If further information is required, please contact her.

5. Nomination and Voting of CAB Co-Chairs

Mrs. Flood explained, per charter, that Ms. Reyes is up for re-election. Ms. Reyes preferred not to continue as Co-Chair and nominated Mr. Phil Largas. It was seconded by Ms. Eastburn and passed.

6. Discussion and Voting on CAB Applications

Ms. Flood went over the CAB applications that were previously mailed to all CAB members for review. All applicants were called and asked to attend. Mr. John Saccoman and Mr. Jeff Littell were present. The other applicants were Virginia Halladay, Anna Hernandez, Gloria Sesma, Patricia Lopez, and Mark Gernard.

Mr. Saccoman stated he was very interested in the issues, and he lives and works in the area. Mr. Largas moved to accept him as a new CAB member. Ms. Reyes seconded, and it was passed.

Ms. Gloria Sesma was not present but expressed an interest to join. Mr. Largas moved and Ms. Reyes seconded to accept her application, and it was passed.

Mr. Littell stated he owned property in the site. He has a background with the WQARF registry as a previous employee of ADEQ, and if there is room, he would prefer to be a member. Ms. Reyes moved and Mr. Largas seconded to accept him. It was passed.

Ms. Flood presented Mr. Saccoman and Mr. Littell with their CAB notebooks. Ms. Flood will follow up with Ms. Halladay, Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Lopez on their willingness to serve on the CAB.

7. CAB Charter Changes Discussion and Possible Voting

Ms. Flood went over the change to the charter under CAB Structure, Section (a) to clarify quorum and explained the reason for the change. Ms. Reyes moved to accept the change. Mr. Largas seconded, and it was passed.

8. Community Involvement Plan Interviews and Plan Discussion

Ms. Flood explained how she had called the residents that filled out the CIP questionnaire. The information gathered will be used for the CIP update. Ms. Flood asked all to check their files to make sure they had a copy of the plan.

9. Call to the Public

Mr. Jesus Rivas commented that the information was good. Ms. Flood asked him to call if there were further comments.

10. Future Meeting Plans/ Agenda Topics

The next meeting was schedule for December 14, 2006 here at the ADEQ building at 6:00 p.m. Agenda topics will include maps of trends in the concentrations, draft community involvement plan, possible CAB application voting, responsible party search (if possible) and site update.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Charlotte Reyes moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Mr. Saccoman.